

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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In re the Petition of

DOCKET NOS. UE-020417 & UE-991832

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

For an Accounting Order
Authorizing Deferral of Excess Net
Power Costs.

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WASHINGTON UTILITY AND
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER:
DENYING PETITION FOR
ACCOUNTING ORDER; REJECTING
TARIFF FILING; AUTHORIZING
SUBSEQUENT FILING

And

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER:
AMENDING THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL
ORDER

A general rate proceeding is the appropriate forum for considering rate relief to improve earnings, or the possibility of a power cost adjustment mechanism that will appropriately balance the risks of inter-period variations in power costs borne by shareholders and ratepayers. The Commission may authorize a company to file a general rate proceeding when requested in another proceeding relief is denied, yet the record demonstrates that the company may have insufficient earnings in the future. *¶ 23; RCW 80.01.040; 80.28.020.*

July 22, 2003

In the Matter of the Petition of

DOCKET NO. UT-030614

QWEST CORPORATION

ORDER NO. 08

For Competitive Classification of
Basic Business Exchange
Telecommunications Services

ORDER GRANTING, IN PART, AND
DENYING, IN PART, PUBLIC
COUNSEL'S AND WeBTEC'S PETITION
FOR REVIEW OF INTERLOCUTORY
ORDERS; MODIFYING AMENDED
PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Commission will enter a highly confidential protective order when the information at issue concerns market sensitive information, which, if obtained by competitors, or those with competitive interests, would harm the party providing the information. *¶ 12; RCW 80.04.095; WAC 480-07-160.*

The Commission has broad discretion to fashion protective orders that will facilitate the production of information that will assist it in making its decisions. *¶ 12; RCW 80.04.095; WAC 480-07-160.*

The Commission may limit Public Counsel's access to highly confidential information when Public Counsel does not appear to be acting as an independent party in a proceeding, but rather may be allied with other parties who have private and competitive interests. *¶ 13; RCW 80.04.095; WAC 480-07-160.*

July 25, 2003

In the Matter of the Petition of

DOCKET NO. UT-030459

QWEST CORPORATION

ORDER NO. 02

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from Portions
of WAC 480-120-304 and WAC 480-
146-360 Relating to Reporting
Requirements of
Telecommunications Companies to
File Annual and Quarterly Reports
and Affiliated Interest Transactions
Report

ORDER DENYING COMPANY
ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL
REPORT, QUARTERLY REPORTS, AND
AFFILIATED INTEREST
TRANSACTIONS REPORT

The Commission will deny a request for a
further extension of time to file annual
reports when the last filed report is over
three years old. The Commission requires
current financial statements to allow it to
fully analyze a company's financial status
on a timely basis. ¶¶ 3-5; WAC 480-120-
304; WAC 480-146-360.

July 31, 2003

In the Matter of the Petition of

DOCKET NO. UT-031023

VWERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.

ORDER NO. 01

Petitioner,

For an Interpretive and Policy
Statement, or in the Alternative,
Permanent Exemption of WAC 480-
120-262(3), Operator Service
Providers (OSPs), Oral Disclosure
of Rates

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR
INTERPRETIVE AND POLICY
STATEMENT AND GRANTING
TEMPORARY EXEMPTION

The Commission may grant a temporary exemption from application of a rule to allow time to explore possible alternative action even if the alternative action does not comport with a literal reading of the rule if instead it satisfies the purpose of the rule. *WAC 480-09-200; WAC 480-120-015.*